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CHAPTER FINANCE.

AS the chapters of *K. A. θ.* are chiefly made up of young women under twenty-three, it is not to be expected that in financial matters they will exhibit the wisdom of age. With the best intentions, many seriously embarrass themselves financially, and so put the reputation, if not the existence, of the chapter in jeopardy. Thoughtlessness, inexperience and inaccuracy bring us into disrepute far more often than wilful mistake and dishonesty.

The first element of difficulty, and one usually overlooked, is that the money which must be spent for chapter expenses does not properly belong to the individuals contributing it. Many a girl when she pays her dues, or an assessment for the last party, knows that she is paying away a mother's self-denial, perhaps a father's health and strength, and wonders uneasily whether she ought to spend so much for pleasure and comradeship. In too many cases the temptation of such expenditure has led to deceit toward guardians on the one hand, or to the non-payment of just debts on the other. Parents speculate over that large item, "sundries," in the daughter's account, or chapter accounts show deficits inexplicable.

If, then, the money by which undergraduate chapters are supported must come from parents and guardians, rather than from daughters, it is certainly but fair and just to both parties that every one who is asked to become a member should be told the approximate yearly cost of membership. It is amazing to find that in some chapters this is kept a profound secret. Common sense, no less than justice, demands that the candidate be informed of all financial obligations, if she is to be an intelligent and loyal Theta.

It is with chagrin that one recognizes the necessity of emphasizing honesty in conducting the business of the fraternity. Tradesmen are foolish and unwise to give extensive credit to fraternities, as they do; chapters are disgracefully inconsiderate, not to say dishonest, in buying what they cannot pay for, and piling up debts which subsequent membership must pay. This reckless and selfish assumption of obligations, which somebody else must meet, is partly due to want of training in finance, partly to too sanguine expectations of prosperity which is not yet in sight, and partly to a habit of expecting to be "helped out," common alike to the young and inconsiderate.

The first rule of every chapter should be to live within its income. There may be rare instances where it is right to borrow money, but the precise method of payment should be canvassed beforehand, the consent of the whole chapter should be essential, and the length of time should be very short. Above all things, it should be remembered that debts of any sort are a dangerous precedent.

The renting, furnishing and running of chapter houses has been a most frequent cause of serious financial difficulties. Inexperienced housekeepers do not usually know that rent, table, wages, fuel, lights and water are by no means all the items of expense to be anticipated; it is the incidentals that swallow up from ten to twenty-five dollars per month; broken dishes, additional utensils, repairs, plumbing bills, extras for casual guests, the rent of a

piano, are only a few of the sundries for which adequate provision is never made. Often at the mercy of extravagant and wasteful servants, no member has time to follow up these details and, as a consequence, living in the house is usually inordinately expensive, and either bills are left unpaid or some of the members go outside to live. This is the history in both men's and women's fraternities in many colleges. The remedy is obvious: thorough knowledge of probable expenses beforehand and careful management afterward; the latter is by far the more difficult to secure. A house cannot be run, any more than a business, without a manager. A chaperon and a cook do not fill this place, unless one or the other is made responsible for the expenditure. In one chapter the cook has dining-room, one bedroom and kitchen rent free, and furnishes board at three dollars per week, the chapter paying all the other expenses of the house and guaranteeing a certain number of boarders. This works very well so far as the table is concerned, but the "other expenses" are seldom properly looked after, because no one person is responsible for them.

Another chapter has a chaperon, who is also housekeeper and who pays all bills out of a given amount paid by each member, corresponding to the current rate for board and lodging outside. This also works well where the housekeeper is a good business woman. Still another chapter gives one member (a girl of some experience) her board for acting as housekeeper, giving orders and presenting bills at the end of the month. The chaperon in this case is merely a boarder. Whatever method be adopted a few general principles are applicable to all.

The house should not be too large, generally not larger than will accommodate the members belonging to the three upper classes; this provides for unexpected shrinkage in members, for small numbers at the beginning of the college year, and avoids embarrassments about freshmen coming into the house. Very often parents object to daughters moving in the middle of the year, or to their going into a chapter house the first year at all.

More important than all these reasons, a smaller house prevents the temptation to the indiscriminate and hasty pledging of new members for the sake of numbers without regard to quality.

In the second place, all bills should be presented and paid monthly, not by the term semester or year. This gives a chance to check unnecessary expenditure before it is too late or too great. In the third place, there should be either a treasurer and a business manager, or a financial committee in every chapter, whose business shall be not merely to collect money and pay bills, but to recommend expenditure or economy, as may be needed. The whole chapter, unless very small, is not competent to keep track of all the financial details ; the mere mechanical labor of keeping accurate accounts, collecting moneys, and paying bills is all that the treasurer ought to have to do, while such a business manager or financial committee, if wisely chosen, can do much to keep the chapter on a legitimate financial basis and out of debt.

Doubtless in many instances a chapter is much stronger for remaining in the college dormitory ; but even to such chapters, all that has been emphasized, as a principle, is equally applicable.

The matter of keeping accounts needs special mention here. I have never seen in any chapter correct accounts kept for more than one year at a time ; indeed in very few cases have the accounts even been balanced. It would seem a simple enough process to put down on one side the money received and on the other money paid out, and to balance the two every month, but the fact is that the account almost never will balance.

The treasurer, even when conscientious and accurate, finds it almost impossible to get the money due paid promptly, and to keep the payment of bills in her own hands. One member buys a thing for the house or the chapter and neglects to report it till long after ; another pays a bill for the chapter because it is convenient, and forgets to hand the receipt to the treasurer. However indefatigable, the life of the treasurer is not easy, and if she

be inaccurate and inexperienced by the end of the year the chapter accounts are in a hopeless muddle.

In June everybody is in a hurry, the accounts forgotten, bills left unpaid, and in the fall the chapter—when it should be strongest—begins with a debt, dunning tradesmen, and consequently a handicap for the year. In any chapter there will be some who have more business ability, if not more knowledge of accounts, than others. Such an one should be chosen and if possible retained in office for four years, that the fraternity may reap the benefit of her accumulated experience. She should be compelled to balance accounts and make a report at least once a month; at the same time the accounts should always be audited by a finance committee. Such report should not merely cover money received and paid out, but bills outstanding as well.

The weakest point in fraternity organization is finance. I do not know of any fraternity, the majority of whose chapters are not in debt and in some cases practically bankrupt. When the recent panic came on a small tradesman in a college town failed; it then came out that a single fraternity owed him \$1200.00 in one year for groceries. These amiable, well-dressed, well-bred young men had been getting their bread and butter out of a poor man's pocket.

They might almost as well have rifled him of the amount. To our shame, be it said that there are chapters of *K.A.T.* in a similar position of beggary, though not to so great an extent.

After all excuses have been made that can be made, on the ground of the youth and inexperience of members, the foolish eagerness of tradesmen to obtain fraternity patronage, and every other possible reason, the chief cause for this state of things is the inordinate appetite for "splurge" which attacks people who belong to social organizations. Each Senior class must outdo all previous ones in the gorgeousness of its ball, or its class day, or its banquet; each fraternity chapter in college is the rival of the others in the "swellness" of its entertainments, and the elaborate

furnishings of its mortgaged house, and all this folly must be paid for, if ever paid for at all, by these cultured and generous young persons out of the pockets of either parents or alumni. I have used the words "splurge" and "swellness" intentionally; there are no others sufficiently slangy to express the inexpressible vulgarity of such ways of living. Extravagance, love of display, the lowest motives of rivalry, are at the bottom of our financial weakness. Unquestionably the numbers of independents, as against fraternity men and women is rapidly growing in nearly all the colleges, doubtless in a measure because of the heavy money obligations which fraternity life entails.

Natural selection will in the course of years settle the character of individual chapters; vulgarity is attracted by vulgarity, simplicity by simplicity.

Unless we as Thetas make a determined stand against this tendency, we shall inevitably lose the kind of women we wish to secure. That high-thinking and simple-living, which has in all times been the ideal of the cultured and the scholar, should be ours. In the college world surely, simplicity, sincerity, honesty may be trusted to win its own followers.

MARY ROBERTS SMITH,
Iota, '80.



FRATERNITY SPIRIT.

Among the exchanges of the January JOURNAL there appeared the following sentence, which is well worth our further thought and consideration: "Just in proportion as these (chapter) meetings are promptly, and fully, and gladly attended, will the chapter be strong, and the fraternal bond not merely drawing interest for four years, but for life."

What is our fraternity to us, and what does each of us render her fraternity? Is it merely one of the natural accompaniments of student life, and something into which we drift for good or ill, as it happens? We need to question ourselves seriously in regard to this. We need to call ourselves to account, in fraternity life, as in other things. We all, of course, have that eager enthusiasm which is so infectious on one's entrance into the mysteries. But this, for the most part, is reflected enthusiasm; it is not deep enough. And some of us are too lukewarm underneath it all. We want to have a live and personal interest in all work, plans and aims of our sisters. We should neglect no opportunity for evincing this interest in their welfare. It is not simply a regard for the members of our chapter, but we want more individual love, for it is only through love that we can wield an influence.

Doubtless many of you do not feel the necessity or advisability of small chapters. But do you of the large chapters feel that you can show fraternal love to twenty-five or thirty young women at the same time? Can so many come into the personal contact and union which tend to a true fraternal spirit? It is impossible that a chapter of such size be free from jars and antagonistic feelings. You say, perhaps, that in the large universities there are so many "fine girls," and you feel able to accomplish more by greater numbers. But our influence on each other is much more potent and useful, where we can know each other fully, than where there is but the surface acquaintance which is inevitable,

during student life, in a body of much size. The greater strength we create and maintain in our own brotherhood, or sisterhood, if you will, the sooner and better shall we learn one of the two great life principles—each of which involves the other—the brotherhood of man.

Let us come back to our first thought and speak a little more in detail. “ Promptly, and fully, and gladly.” Some of us are apt not to see the importance of punctuality. But let us keep in mind that it is a first essential to every person of business, and it should be to all persons, in all circumstances. By our lack of promptness in general we constantly infringe on the rights of others, and harm ourselves by the waste of energy in hurry at the last moments. In particular, we show lack of interest in each other, in our chapter and in the fraternity.

There should be no need for an explanation of the plea that the attendance be full.

If the chapter meetings be not *gladly* attended, it is the fault of each member. It should be the duty of each one of us by some individual effort to render our meetings interesting and profitable. If one or two lag, then the burden falls heavier on the rest. It is not for anyone to feel the task arduous, for when all enter into the work with the true spirit, with whole-souled, unselfish motives, there will be no task, the chapter meetings will be looked forward to eagerly, and they will be successful in their attainments.

With this spirit throughout, the fraternal bond will not lose its influence at the end of four years. Our members will not drift gradually away from us and lose their active interest in the fraternity. The active chapters need the encouragement and support of the alumnae members. But do the alumnae give it? They are too apt not to give it; they suffer their interest to flag, and become too absorbed in other organizations or institutions to devote the share of their time and thought which is rightfully due to their loyal sisterhood. This is, to some extent, the fault

of the individual after the ties of university life are severed. But it may, in part, be due to the lack of a true, binding spirit in the active chapter. And so let us strive to make our chapter life, not such that its influence may be felt, but such that it must be felt, and for aye.



A PLEA FOR ALUMNAE WORK.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA did not happen to originate the alumnae chapter. It may be the privilege of Kappa Alpha Theta, however, to invest this production with the patent royal of success, which supposition is but a more agreeable way of stating the plain fact that the alumnae chapter is still on trial and the issue uncertain.

What stands in the way of alumnae work? Is it twenty-five years too late? Certainly it is curious to speculate upon what might have been, had the early graduates from our women's fraternities gone directly into active alumnae work. That was a period of possibilities, those years from 1870 to 1875, when women everywhere were reaching out after a more rational social life and after broader intellectual privileges, and when the great club idea was beginning swiftly to focus all these hopes upon itself. What would have been more fitting than that the fraternity girls, fresh from college, keen, alert and trained to united effort, should step to the front right here and catch that club idea even as it took shape, making it the literary expression of advanced fraternity work? But these girls were few then, and the few were scattered and they could only be swept along with the current, instead of pioneering its course. So alumnae work missed its chance to anticipate the most popular intellectual movement of the age. But, practically, to have missed in this case is not necessarily to lose in the end. The club, as the established vehicle for literary and social progress, offers its advantages to the alumnae of our different fraternities just as freely to-day as if they had led in its development from the beginning.

If the last ten, fifteen, or twenty-five years are to prove at all a serious obstacle in the way of alumnae work, the reason will be found in the alumnae themselves, rather than in the work. If the outgoing alumnae to-day would establish this work, all the real

difficulties in the problem would vanish. Again, if the work is once generally established on a firm basis, it will take care of itself. Trust to Theta zeal alone for that.

But it is women, not girls, who have to lay these foundation walls deep and strong and wide; women, I trust, who are alive, every one of us, from the oldest to the youngest, to the high call and the heavy demands of modern womanhood. As such, our lives are already full. We are organized on every side, social, intellectual, philanthropic and religious, and clubs, societies and associations clamor for our time and energies. We must learn how to choose and when to stop, or we shall overcrowd our lives and spoil whatever usefulness we might have had.

Hence the gravity of the question, can we extend the fraternity system from college into general life under such conditions that it shall be to our advantage as women, to the interest of the girls in college and to the honor of the fraternity at large?

How may this movement appeal to us, so as to prove its claim upon our time and best efforts? The pleasant mysteries of fraternity life gild the round of college days, but the charm of those chapter meetings can no more be revived for us in our alumnae work than can those days themselves be lived again.

As life with us now is more earnest, straightforward and defined in purpose, so must be the alumnae chapter. This work must yield to us a real social culture, and must be to us a constant stimulus to intellectual growth, or it will fail.

It is right along these lines that we Alpha Alumnae have been experimenting, as a chapter for one year and for three years as a club, inevitably drawing closer together in bonds of sisterly affection, while working as Thetas to win and maintain a place among the literary organizations of our State. We ventured to merge our responsibilities as thoughtful women and loyal Thetas into the one common effort to grow in the grace of friendship and in knowledge. The plan works, and the outlook is full of promise.

Come, Theta sisters, all who have left your college days behind you, let us combine our efforts and win for alumnae work the verdict of an assured success.

Of course, we do not recommend the inverted order of our club and chapter. Experiments occasionally seem to work backward. The alumnae chapter is the proper nucleus of all alumnae work.

For ourselves the die is cast, but whether or not we recommend to others both chapter and club is a point at issue. Some hold that the chapter in its normal development should provide its own literary life. That would be the simpler method, but two powerful objections stand in the way of its demonstration. The privacy of the chapter meeting would prevent our affiliation with other literary workers, and the consequent gain in breadth of view and freedom of expression ; likewise it would prevent the recognition of whatever excellence we might attain.

Let me make my personal plea, then, that wherever our alumnae are strong enough to organize into a chapter for general fraternity relations, they also organize at once for their literary work into a club, which, through State and general federations, shall be in touch with the whole intellectual movement of the day, till at last, throughout the length and breadth of the land, the alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta shall be held in recognition and esteem.

Thus will alumnae work redound to our own advantage, to the interest of our college girls, and to the honor of our fraternity, while the day draws near when to be a Kappa Alpha Theta will mean to step forth from college halls as to a heritage, to a place within the foremost ranks of American womanhood.

FLORA TURMAN LAUGHLIN,

Alpha Alumnae.

A REVIEW OF HELEN WATTERSON'S ARTICLE, ENTITLED "WOMEN'S EXCITEMENT OVER WOMAN."

|| WISH to call attention to an article written by one of our members for the September *Forum*, entitled "Women's Excitement over Woman." The author of this article is Helen Watterson Moody, an alumna of Epsilon Chapter. Mrs. Moody graduated in 1883 from the University of Wooster, afterwards filled the position of assistant professor of English and Rhetoric in that institution, and was subsequently engaged in journalism in New York city. Since her marriage she has ceased to engage in active newspaper work, and writes only occasionally for magazines.

The article in the September *Forum* strikes a direct and forcible blow upon the head of the nail of the great *Woman Question*. The doctrine she preaches is a sound and healthy one, exactly fitted to the needs of the hour; and to college girls, whose daily vocation is a thoughtful preparation for lives of broad and kindly usefulness, this article cannot fail to be of interest and help. It calls attention to the fact, which we are too apt to overlook or ignore in our great rejoicing over the present advancement of woman, that there exists to-day at the close of the 19th century a "sex-consciousness," as Mrs. Moody describes it, quite as pronounced and fully as abnormal as that which was developed by Puritanism. We women of to-day are as absurdly conscious of sex, as forgetful of the fact that we are *primarily* human beings, *secondarily* women, as were ever our Puritan grandmothers.

With a brief glance the author surveys the position of woman-kind in different periods of history, and maintains that the world was free from this disease of "sex-consciousness" until the time of the Puritan era. Prior to that time women were as busily,

contentedly and creditably, though differently, engaged as men ; and the classifications and distinctions in work were made upon the only correct principle, *i. e.*, quality of work. But a religious movement so vital and energetic as was the Puritan could not fail to develop its own social code ; and the position of woman was of necessity greatly affected by it. What the Puritan type was we are all more or less familiar with ; and, much as we love it, we recognize it as an abnormal type. Puritan ideals with more or less force held sway until a late date and there was need of reform. The reform came, instigated by the judicious efforts of the thoughtful men and women of the early part of this century, aided and abetted by the inventions that have so promoted material prosperity and thereby lightened the labor of womankind, and helped on most of all, as Mrs. Moody avers, by the Civil War, by which so many women were forced to turn from the homes which had sheltered them into the pursuits of active life.

To-day the world is open to womankind ; we have an opportunity to do whatever we may wish to do and with a fair chance of success. Moreover, we have an opportunity to do it unostentatiously, and without calling attention to the fact that we are women. But it is precisely this opportunity that we are not willing to embrace. We wish it known that we are women. We wish the fact that a certain piece of work, superior or inferior as the case may be, has been done by a woman paraded with torch-lights before the world. It is not the quality of the work to which the attention of the public is called, but its gender. There is, however, nothing new nor remarkable in women or women-workers. They have been established and recognized facts, and great facts too, since the world began. God made them as He made all things else,—even man included.

There is no reason at all for this disturbance and excitement over woman. It is not a marvel or a seven-days' wonder that there are some women who possess good minds and good souls, some even who possess very great ones. This is but natural and

as it should be, for are there not also men who possess them ? The only marvel lies in the worth itself, the intrinsic greatness, be it of man or woman. We do not in the least advance the cause of our sex by these caucuses and mass meetings, which we so constantly hold to celebrate woman. Woman is subject to the laws which govern the rest of the universe ; and her cause must be advanced in the same way and by the same means, *i. e.*, work, honest, unostentatious work, the best we are capable of. The great pendulum of reform in our behalf is on its backward swing ; let us thoughtfully check it before it reaches an absurd and irrational extreme. Let us not, as women, be parvenu ; but let us quietly take the great wealth of opportunity and privilege, which the last half century has brought us, as our rightful possession and heritage.

M. E. S.



THE CLASSIC RHINE.

“ Rhine ! I would learn of thee thy song,
With all its flowing numbers,
And in a voice as fresh and strong
As thine is, sing it all day long,
And hear it in my slumbers.”

The Rhine, the most beautiful river of Germany, has indeed a glorious story to relate of the land through which it flows. It can tell of war-like deeds ; of bold knights and ladies fair ; of Genevieve, the mournful bride of Liebenstein ; of Siegfried, the mighty slayer of the dragon ; of Lurlei, sitting on her cliff, leading fishermen into certain death by means of her river voice. Let us flow along with the noble river as it goes on its winding course, that we too may hear what it has to tell us.

At Mayence, on a bright August morning, we board the gay little steamer from whose deck we are to see so much of beauty and interest. Surrounded by a pleasant company, the sparkling blue water beneath, the laughing blue sky overhead, the refreshing breeze coming up the river, all tend to put us in a cheerful frame of mind, and with a look of expectancy we turn our faces to the wind and prepare ourselves for the sights which the day is to bring forth.

The banks are low on either side, enabling one to get quite an extended view of the undulating fields, so rich and fertile. Here and there a little village rises from the water's edge ; the white cottages with red roofs peeping out from among the trees form a peaceful picture of rustic life. But soon the banks approach each other. The right bank gradually rises above its former level, and at last the Niederwald, a high hill, partly covered with a dense forest, is before us. It is crowned by vineyards and in the midst of these, standing in a prominent position, is the glorious “Wacht am Rhein,” (Watch on the Rhine). It is a

noble figure of Germania, erected in commemoration of the German States in 1870. Great is the German's pride in this monument, so symbolical of the strength and unity of the nation. Opposite, on the left bank, lies Bingen, "Fair Bingen on the Rhine," which has for a background the castle crowned Scharlachberg.

At this point we enter the narrower and deeper part of the river. The current is swift and strong and bears us along at a more rapid rate between banks which become higher and steeper at every moment. Before us, in the midst of the swift flowing water rises a huge rock surmounted by an odd looking tower—it is the Mausethurm. Let us open the Book of Legends and read what happened here in bygone days. About nine hundred years ago there was a great famine in the land. The Bishop of Mayence, foreseeing the distress of the poor people, concluded that if their number were reduced the distress would not be so great; so he ordered a great many to be put to death; for, he said "They consume our corn as the mice do and are as superfluous." But the wicked Bishop was severely punished for his cruelty. The mice overwhelmed him in great numbers and would have killed him then and there, but that he fled to this tower, deeming himself safe. But lo and behold! As he gazed through the window he beheld his persecutors swimming in vast numbers toward his place of refuge, and at the terrible sight he died of fright. Therefore it is called the Mausethurm.

Soon the water commences to switch and roar on all sides. We are in the midst of small whirlpools and rapids, and going through the dangerous pass of the "Binger Loch"—the narrowest and deepest point in the river. Here the ugly little dwarf Alberich buried the Nibelungen treasure, the wealth of the gods which he had snatched from their power, and as the water rushes and gushes over the rocks on either side, one imagines himself able to hear the river voices of the Rhine Maidens, as they gambol and sport in the water below while guarding the treasure, mingled with the mocking laugh of the dwarf, as he gloats in his triumph over the gods.

On and on the swift current bears us, past vineclad hills and barren cliffs; past the beautiful Rheinstein, a palace of the emperor, with its towers and turrets gleaming in the sun. In marked contrast to this pleasant edifice appears the dark and gloomy ruin of Falkenburg, once a robber's den, situated on the crest of a hill beyond. On the right a steep cliff rises from the water's edge known as the "Teufel's leiter"—(Devil's ladder), which was scaled by the bold knight of Lorch to gain the hand of the fair Hildegarde. The mountains gradually recede on both sides, and again a wider expanse of the valley is visible. Soon, however, a sudden bend in the river changes the view completely. In the midst of the swiftly flowing water, on a reef of rocks, stands an ancient fort. It was built in the thirteenth century by the Duke of Bavaria for the purpose of promoting the illegal practice of exacting toll from all passing ships. It was carried on for a few years until stopped by the interference of the church. The fort is hexagonal in shape, surmounted by a large pentagonal-shaped tower, and many smaller towers and projections, together with numerous loop-holes on every side. On one side a memorial has been erected commemorating the successful passage of the German army across the Rhine at this point, early in 1813; a feat which aided materially toward bringing about the final triumph. On the right bank is the mediaeval town of Caub, still surrounded by its partly ruined walls and commanded by the picturesque ruins of Gutenfels.

Soon the bed of the river again contracts. Steep cliffs rise on either side. We pass the beautiful Schoenburg but can not pause for we are now traversing another dangerous part—the treacherous pass of the Seven Virgins which can be seen when all is quiet only to disappear again at the slightest play of the waters. An unexpected turn of the river, and we exclaim at the beauty of the towering mass of rocks which overhangs the river before us. Up go the spy-glasses and soon all involuntarily commence humming or singing Heine's beautiful song—"The Lur-

lei.' We are passing the famous rock where the siren enticed fishermen into danger and death by means of her magic voice. The song resounds from all sides as the rocks hurl the echo to and fro, mocking the human voices. Before long the remains of an old castle, popularly called "Die Katz," (The Cat) appears to the left frowning down upon a peaceful little village. Opposite is the ruined citidel of Rheinfels, the mightiest stronghold on the Rhine during the middle ages.

Its walls and turrets partly surround the quaint old town of St. Goar which lies below. The Rheinfels withstood many battles and even now, although stripped of its former glory, it rears its head high above the castles which crown the neighboring peaks as if disdaining to be their equal. Farther on is the Deurenburg, derisively called "Die Maus" (The Mouse) by the counts of Katzbogen as compared to their "cat."

The strong current bears us rapidly along while both shores form an ever varying series of surprises. Peaceful villages, where one fain would stop and withdraw for a while from the turmoil of the busy world ; past castled crags, and hills covered with vineyards.

As I was standing leaning against the railing, contemplating the scenery before me with ever-increasing interest and admiration, I was startled by the gruff voice of an Englishman at my side who, after adjusting his eye glass, was calmly surveying the scene before him : "H'm, funny fellows, to build their old castles way up there where no one can get up to them." "But don't you admire the picturesqueness of the situation ?" "I don't call it picturesqueness when you have to climb a lot of rocks to get there at the imminent danger of breaking your neck. Hope you are enjoying yourself. Believe I'll go down and have some sherry." One studious individual was intently reading his Bædeker and did not raise his eyes from his book. I could not help thinking, why he did not stay at home to do that. But now it is more

to the point to study nature than human nature, so let us return to the scenes before us.

Two massive, jagged peaks rise up at our right, each surmounted by ivy-clad ruins. They are the brothers, Liebenstein and Stemberg, separated by a little valley, where, in among the trees, one catches a glimpse of a convent, and "thereto hangs a tale." Popular tradition tells us that there were two brothers who both loved the beautiful Lady Genevieve. The elder brother, who lived on the Stemberg, went off to the wars, but the younger remained behind and gained the hand of his lady love. For a time they lived happily on the Liebenstein, but when the brave knight heard of the deeds of his brother, and the glory he was winning for his name, he became anxious to share it, and so he joined him. While away his love for Genevieve grew cold, and upon his return he brought with him a beautiful Grecian bride. In bitter anguish Genevieve entered the convent, and the elder brother, when he heard how false his brother had been, challenged him to mortal combat. At midnight, in the dark forest, they met to decide their fate, but another was destined to decide it for them. In the midst of the encounter Genevieve appears, accompanied by a train of nuns. She separates the knights, makes them promise to forgive each other and be friends again, while she tells them she is happier in her cloister than she could have been either on the Liebenstein or Stemberg. Even now, at times, when the wind howls through the trees at the mysterious hour of midnight, the fishermen say they can hear the clash of swords mingled with the voice of nuns singing in the ruined cloister.

The mountains now become higher and higher and put on a grander aspect than before. On the summit of one of these barren peaks is the mighty, old citadel known as the Marksburg. It is the only one of the ancient strongholds which still stands in all its former glory. During the seventeenth century it was used as a state prison, but has now fallen into disuse. The gray, weather-beaten walls, which have withstood the storms of nine hundred

years, look as if they had grown to be a part of the solid mass of rocks upon which they rest. Soon we reach a picturesque little village between whose principal street and the water's edge, peeping out from among a clump of trees, is a relic of former days which is of peculiar interest. It is a small platform, hexagonal in shape, raised about ten feet from the ground by means of six stone pillars. "What can it be!" we ask, and are told that it is the famous Koenigsstuhl (King's Chair). Here in ancient times came the electors of the various states to choose their king and to discuss the affairs of the kingdom. Many were the important decrees issued from this seat, and it remains to-day a curious relic of bygone days and customs. At the sight of Stolzenfels which soon appears, we feel that it has been rightly named. Its mighty towers and buttresses, gilded by the sun's rays, rising up from among the trees of the dense forest which surrounds the base of the mountain, show it to be one of the proudest examples of human workmanship which the Rhine brings to our view. We pass the island of Oberwerth with some quaint old houses upon it, while to the left are beautiful parks and numerous villas, and the sight of several arched bridges spanning the river before us tells us that we are approaching Coblenz. On one side the church spires and towers of the city rise into view, while on the other we see the massive and extensive walls of Ehrenbreitstein, the Gibraltar of the Rhine. This mighty stronghold is mentioned in history as early as 636 A. D.; was extended and strengthened at various times; and, after being partly destroyed by the French during the Thirty Years' War, it was rebuilt on a more magnificent scale than ever, and stands thus to the present day—a mountain of strength.

The rather quiet city of Coblenz presents a very pretty appearance as seen from the Rhine. Its beautiful parks and gardens, the numerous handsome villas and the royal palace all extend along the bank, so that one sees almost nothing of the dust and smoke of the city. The landing is a busy place as the steam-

er stops, with crowds of passengers coming and going and numerous idlers hanging about and sunning themselves, while leaning over the railings of the landings to gaze curiously at strange faces. There is a busy rush and turmoil and confusion ; the newly arrived passengers rush on deck to wave farewell to the friends on shore ; a ring and a whistle ; the gang-way is drawn back, Coblenz is behind us.

Again we turn our faces toward the breeze, blowing gently up the river, and gaze on the range of mountains we see looming up on the horizon. We pass the mediæval town of Aldernach, which forms an excellent picture of a town of the middle ages, with its ancient watch-tower, its great gate and its antique bulwark. The scene which now stretches itself before us surpasses everything else on the Rhine, Rolandseck and Drachenfels, with their ivy-clad ruins ; the bleak cliffs of the Wolkenburg (the Castle of the Clouds) ; and the whole range of the Siebengebirge, which rise peak above peak, from a back-ground of surpassing grandeur, while in the fore-ground is the noble river and the picturesque island of Nonnenwerth.

A peculiar charm is cast about many of the romantic scenes along the Rhine by the beautiful and oftentimes weird legends which popular tradition has handed down from generation to generation, until they have become intermingled with the historical associations to such an extent that the whole seems to belong together. To do away with the glamour of superstition and tradition and simply listen to the dry, hard facts of history, would, most assuredly, detract greatly from the charm of the situation. It would be like tearing away the roots and tendrils of the ivy which has grown into every nook and cranny of the ruined walls until it has almost become a part of them, in order to study the composition of the masonry or the details of the architecture. How cold and bare would the walls look without their warm green covering !

One of the most beautiful legends of the Rhine provinces clings about Rolandseck and Nonnenwerth. The brave knight

Roland loved the fair Hildegunde, who, in her tower on the Drachenfels, was anxiously awaiting his return from the wars. When, alas! one day a messenger came and brought the sad tidings that Roland had fallen in battle, mortally wounded. Thereupon Hildegunde, full of grief and anguish, took the veil and entered the convent on the island of Nonnenwerth. But when the war was over a knight came riding over the plains to claim the hand of his bride. It was Roland, who had not met his death as was supposed. Bitter was his grief when he found Hildegunde a bride of heaven. And so he built himself a castle on the lonely peak of Rolandseck, from which he could gaze down upon the convent walls which sheltered his lost love, and hear her voice rising clear and sweet above the chorus of the nuns.

As we still gaze upon the beautiful island and hear the wind moaning and sighing through the trees as if moaning the "dead past which is gone forever," we find ourselves at Mehlein, where we are to leave the steamer for a small boat which is to take us across the river and land us in the region of the Siebengebirge. We pass through the busy little town of Koenigswinter, which consists chiefly of tourists coming and going, who make a lively hub-bub while endeavoring to make themselves understood in various different languages. At last we obtain a guide and start on our expedition. The guide is an old man who was born and raised in this region, which is all the world to him. He leads us through vineyards, hanging heavy with huge bunches of grapes, into the dense forest which covers the upper slopes. On we go; pass beautiful ravines; and here and there an opening through the trees enables us to catch a glimpse of the valley now far below. Pointing to the north where the Petersberg rears its wooded head toward the skies, our guide tells us how "long, long ago, when the gods inhabited the earth, Wodan" (the Jupiter of the old Teutons) "came and built a mighty castle there on the summit, but one night the wind raged fearfully and the next day when the people in the valley looked up at the mountain the castle had dis-

appeared and in its stead a dense forest had sprung up which covers the peak to this day. And over there, beyond this deep ravine, is the cave where Siegfried slew the dragon. Siegfried was a great hero.” And so he goes on to relate strange tales, telling it all with a simple faith as if he believed every word he said. After going through a gloomy forest for some time, we suddenly immerge upon a small plateau—we are on the summit of the Drachenfels.

The magnificent view breaks upon us all at once. For a background we have the magnificent range of the Siebengebirge, whose lofty summits, gilded with all the glory of the setting sun, stand out in bold relief against the clear blue sky. Below is the beautiful river winding its way like a silver thread between banks which are dotted here and there with picturesque little villages. As the eye follows it along its course the towers of the Cologne Cathedral, twenty-five miles away, can be easily discerned. Byron describes this scene in beautiful words :

“ The castled crag of Drachenfels
Frowns on the wide and winding Rhine,
Whose breast of waters broadly swells
Between the banks that bear the vine;
And hills all rich with blossomed trees,
And fields that promise corn and wine;
And scattered cities crowning these,
Whose far white walls along them shine,
Have strewed a scene which I would see
With double joy, wert *thou* with me.”

With a last lingering look at the beautiful picture, we descend the slopes of the mountain, board the steamer and proceed on our journey. Soon we reach the university town of Bonn, and at the landing it presents a bustling appearance. A row of hotels lines the bank and on the veranda of one of these is a party of University students, who are lolling and lounging about in all imaginable positions, smoking long pipes, and wearing caps of various

bright colors on the back of their heads. Bonn is a gay place, greatly enlivened by the large number of students who yearly flock to the doors of its University.

From Bonn to Cologne the scene presents little of interest. The mountains gradually recede on either side; the valley becomes broader and flatter; and after passing numerous villages, we come in sight of the towers of Cologne. There are many handsome villas whose gardens, laid out most artistically, reach to the water's edge. We cast one last glance down the river, beautiful in the gathering twilight, then the gray walls of the city rise before us. We see the twinkling lights and crowds hurrying to and fro, and hear the rush and turmoil of city life. Another moment and we cross the gang-way and step ashore—our journey is ended.

ETTA WEBER,

Alpha Gamma.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My dear Sisters :

|| HAVE not much of which to tell you this time except my recent visit to Alpha Beta. During the month of January I was visiting in Philadelphia, and had three short but delightful visits with Alpha Beta. I wish that you might all see and know the girls of this chapter in their beautiful college home at Swarthmore. They are all veritable Thetas and you would recognize them as such at once. The first time I met them was at one of the Pan-Hellenic meetings of the girls at Swarthmore ; not a regularly organized Pan-Hellenic association, but merely an informal joint meeting of the three local chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta, held for the purpose of broadening fraternity spirit and lessening, if possible, its evils as manifested toward the non-fraternity element. The meeting I attended was delightful, and was held at the home of one of the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who at a later hour in the afternoon had extended her hospitality to Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta.

Later in the same week I visited the girls at the college and had a rejuvenating taste of Swarthmore college life. I came to know our girls better, and could almost fancy myself a collegian again in the midst of Theta sisters. I attended the Theta reunion at Swarthmore on the 27th, and we had a truly Theta-like time. Each chapter that I have seen or whose representatives I have had an opportunity to know has its peculiar individual characteristics, added to an elusive something which we know at once as underlying Theta, and it was very interesting to see the members of different chapters together on the 27th, the same and yet different. I shall not soon forget the good time that we had.

While I was in Washington I had the pleasure of meeting Co-

lumbia Alpha of Pi Beta Phi, and of enjoying their hospitality at a very pleasant five o'clock tea. They are delightful girls, and it was a means of fraternity education to mingle and talk with them, and look at things from their point of view. I am more and more convinced that the great need of all women's fraternities is more breadth and liberality of view and method. Every fraternity is better for being permeated with a kindly Pan-Hellenic spirit, for we are too far advanced to live any longer in selfish isolation. We need to throw off all spirit of jealous animosity and mingle with others, to take what they have to offer and give what we can in exchange. College girls, especially fraternity girls, are, or should be, well fitted to carry forward some of the great social movements, and there are lines of work in which the co-operation of different fraternities would be valuable.

It was a great disappointment to me not to have been able to visit some of the other chapters as I had planned, but as I was called home suddenly by illness it was necessary for me to come through directly.

Cordially yours,

MARGARET E. SMITH.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, God in His divine providence has seen fit to afflict our sister, Florence George, by removing from her her mother, and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our heartfelt love and condolence ; be it

Resolved, That the members of Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta do extend to her our deepest sympathy in her bereavement; also

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her and a copy be printed in the Kappa Alpha Theta and in the college papers.

MARTHA A. BEECHER '94,
JENNIE FOLKEY '95,
LENA BURTON '96, }
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

ELLEN FRANCES BEALS

OF

ALPHA CHAPTER.

God's finger touched her, and she slept.

September, 1873.

January 9, 1894.

EDITORIALS.

CONTRIBUTIONS to the July number should be in the hands of the editor the first week in June.

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It is discouraging, to say the least, to be obliged to remind the chapter correspondents once more that JOURNAL letters *must be written on one side of the paper only*.

Hereafter, those letters which are written on four sides of a sheet of paper—and then crosswise of each page—will go to help fill the editor's waste-basket, and the guilty chapters will be dealt with by the Grand Council.

No punishment in our catalogue of horrors will be deemed severe enough for such criminals, and we shall therefore institute for them a process of re-initiation with all the latest improvements in torture and abuse.

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Mrs. Smith gives some excellent advice in her article on "Chapter Finance." It is useless to deny that she hits upon our besetting sin, and shows it up in all its hideousness. It would be a good idea for every chapter to commit to memory certain passages in this article to meditate on in moments of temptation.

It is a noticeable fact that after we have been out of college two or three years, the petty rivalries and jealousies of undergraduate life—which, at the time, seemed so important—appear inexplicably absurd and ridiculous to us; and we wish that we could impress our younger sisters with the unworthiness of certain frivolous ambitions,—ambitions which look so small and insignificant in the broader light of graduate life.

For this reason we wish that more of our alumnae could be induced to speak out the common sense which they have gained by experience that our dear foolish little sisters may be impressed and profit thereby.

The chapter reports are very encouraging this quarter. The character of work done has been, in most cases, literary and social, while some chapters, in addition to this, are making a study of the fraternity constitution. Tau and Iota are "keeping up with the times" by reviewing the monthly magazines and current news of the week.

We recommended the study of the constitution to all those who are not already at work upon it. 'Tis a noble work. To the true lover of research, Egyptian tablets and Assyrian scrolls will not furnish half the mystery, uncertainty and ambiguity that abound in our laws and by-laws. There are sections and sub-sections that would set any hieroglyphist into an ecstasy of delight.

What a privilege to possess such material for investigation! Make the most of it, girls. The JOURNAL will be delighted to publish your "higher criticisms."

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We would call the earnest attention of all our alumnae to Miss Laughlin's "Plea for Alumnae Work."

Miss Laughlin speaks with authority, for she is a member of the Alpha Alumnae Club, which is our glory and our pride. We hope that her plea will not be in vain, that another year will see as many alumnae clubs as there are now undergraduate chapters. Such organizations are a source of inspiration, not only to the graduate Thetas, but to the undergraduates themselves who will look forward to a continuation of "that growth in the grace of friendship and in knowledge," which college life leaves so incomplete and so unsatisfactory.

The need of the lively sympathy and intimate friendliness which is peculiar to fraternity life does not end at graduation. As alumnae women, busy with social problems and domestic perplexities, we need, and can appreciate more than ever before, the spirit of helpfulness which pervades our fraternity relations to each other.

But two of the chapters, besides Lambda, have responded to our appeal for advertisements. Let not the delinquent chapters grumble over their taxes, when, by a little well directed effort towards securing a few advertisements, they might lessen them in no small degree.

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Wanted—To complete my files, copies of the Kappa Alpha Theta JOURNAL, as follows: Vol. II, Nos. 2, 3, 4; Vol. III, Nos. 1 and 4; Vol. V, Nos. 1, 3, 4. W. R. BAIRD, 243 Broadway, New York.



CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

Alpha District.

LAMBDA.

Alas !
Fate turns
For me the urn.
I was to write the letter,
Would that I could do better.
What shall I write or say
When fate compels in this unkind way ?
What do you think of rushing in the first of the season ?
It seems to me quite beyond all good reason.
If we should arrange, so first our girls to well know
And also plan to be more reasonable and show
Our determination not to act with brains in a whirl,
A substitute might be found for the graduate girl.
For to be congenial is our honest desire,
To live in ignorance of wrath and ire.
In order to do this let us be slow
And future years I think will show
This way is far the best.
With this I let
The matter
Rest.

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CHI.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Dear Thetas :

IT is with pleasure that we sit down this afternoon to take that little mental ramble over our campus and through our college buildings that we promised you in our last letter.

Our University campus is beautifully situated in the southeastern part of the city. The location is one that combines the

delights of the country with the advantages of the city. A walk of ten minutes in one direction from the University grounds leads to the open fields, while twenty minutes in the opposite direction will take one to the very heart of the business portion of the city. The campus contains fifty acres and on account of its elevation commands an extensive view of the surrounding country.

On the eastern side of the campus stands the Hall of Languages, occupied by the College of Liberal Arts. This building is of dressed limestone and was the first one erected on the campus.

In a direct line west of the Hall of Languages is the Von Ranke Library, constructed of limestone and Trenton brick, with terra cotta trimmings. It was erected in 1889 and contains, besides an extensive collection of English works, the valuable German historical library, purchased from Leopold Von Ranke, after whom the building is named. The system employed in the management of our library is entirely original with Dr. H. O. Sibley, the librarian, and is considered a marvel of perfection.

Directly west of the Von Ranke Library, on an elevation which overlooks for several miles the surrounding country, stands the John Crouse Memorial College. This is occupied by the College of Fine Arts and is the pride of our University. It is built of red sandstone with granite foundation, and is said to be the finest structure of its kind in the United States. In the rear is a magnificent music hall with a seating capacity of fifteen hundred.

Southeast of Crouse College, and between this college and the Library, situated on a slight elevation, is the Charles Demarest Holden Observatory. This, like the Hall of Languages, is built of gray limestone. It is finely equipped with an Alvin Clark telescope and many delicate astronomical instruments.

We shall now have to retrace our steps to the southeastern part of the campus where we find the Gymnasium and Christian Association Building. This contains all the appointments of a fine gymnasium besides parlors, office and assembly room for the Christian Associations of the University.

Unfortunately the College of Medicine is not situated on the campus, but we are hoping that, in a few years, another building may be added to the five of which we are now so proud and that then the Medical College will also stand "on the hill."

"Where the vale of Onondaga
Meets the eastern sky
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
On the hill-top high."

Chi has been very busy this term. This is the gay season of the year and, beside the routine of college work, we have had many social pleasures crowded into our life.

We have had several delightful visits with Miss Chase, a member of Epsilon Chapter, who has been spending a few weeks in the city. Miss Chase is a very enthusiastic Theta and we have her promise to visit us again next year.

Miss Brown, our district president and also one of our old girls, spent two days with us recently.

Since our last letter, Chi has initiated two more girls into the mysteries of Theta. Gladys Hibbard '97 and Ollie Ross, who entered with '97 but ranks Sophomore. We have been most heartily congratulated on obtaining two such desirable accessions.

We regret very much the loss of Carrie Robinson, one of our '96 girls, who left college last term and expects soon to move West.

Chi is having a year of unparalleled success. Our new delegation of girls is very strong, our internal life is sweetly harmonious, and our high rank in college is undisputed.

Yours in Theta,
CHI.

ALPHA BETA.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, Feb. 28, 1894.

Dear *Thetas*:

Alpha Beta has had a most delightful time since we wrote our last letter to the Journal. The winter months are always

pleasant and exciting, but this year we have had an unusually good time. First and foremost among our list of enjoyments we have had Margaret Smith, the Grand President, with us. She was visiting in the city and as soon as we heard she was there two of the Senior girls went in with fear and trembling to call upon her. It is needless to say that we were soon perfectly at our ease with her. She did not overwhelm us with her fearful majesty, at all, but she won our hearts completely with her womanly dignity. We could not fix an early enough date for her visit to the college.

On the 17th of January the *K. K. I.*'s received the $\pi. \beta. \varphi.$'s and *K. A. \theta.*'s at the house of Lydia Biddle at Landsdowne. Before the tea we had a Pan Hellenic meeting on a small scale. Miss Smith was there with us and talked to us on general Pan Hellenic matters in which she is so much interested.

The 20th of January was the day of the college reception. Miss Smith came out in the afternoon and stayed until noon of the next day (Sunday). In the evening she had the opportunity of meeting the guests of the college. Several of our old girls were there, for the college reception is a great time for reunions. After the reception we Theta girls gathered together in the guest chamber and talked until very late. It was so delightful to have an interested friend like our president to talk to. She in turn told us many things about the broader fraternity life. We felt that she was one with us and I think in the few visits she made us she obtained a fair insight into our fraternity life that is so dear to us.

On the 27th of January, Alpha Beta celebrated the anniversary of the founding of our fraternity. We gave a tea to our alumnae girls and to all the other Thetas we could find in the neighborhood. Of the last, Miss Harman, Miss Atkinson and Miss Ball of Iota, Miss Reitze of Mu and Miss Smith of Alpha were with us. We had a merry Theta talk and a general good time. A letter from our founder, Bettie Locke Hamilton, was one of the features of the afternoon. Pansies were plentiful and every one took some away with her. It was good to have the

stranger sisters with us and it was good to see our own old girls again. We were cheered and encouraged by their interest in us and by their pleasure in our well-being.

We had planned for another visit from Miss Smith, but she was called home by the illness of her mother. We do wish more Thetas would come to see us. They would receive a truly Theta welcome I can assure you.

But there has been one shadow over our happy life here. Jane Shaw '95 was called home by the death of her brother soon after the Christmas vacation. She has not yet returned and we fear she will not come back to finish her college course. She has left a gap among us that will never be filled.

We were much pleased with the JOURNAL last time; may it continue to improve!

To all Thetas, greeting from

ALPHA BETA.

MU.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The winter term at Allegheny has been thus far one of great pleasure and growth for Mu. Not growth in numbers, for we have initiated no new members, but in strength and love for Theta. Although the weekly meetings have been occasionally broken in upon by the freezing temperature of our rooms on the fourth floor of Huling's Hall, yet we have royal good times when we do meet. If any one of the number wishes to try the effect of some newly developed talent, she gives her fraternity sisters the first chance of approval or criticism. In this way we have witnessed flights of genius which we are sure will one day dazzle the world. At one of our musical entertainments a quartette composed of three members captivated its hearers by the harmony and sweetness of its songs. On such occasions as these we especially

wish for our little singer, Cora Davis, who graduated in music last year. She was leader in all our musical undertakings and her sweet soprano is sorely missed. Our piano students of the Conservatory of Music give us some rare treats.

We are looking forward to the time when all our pledges will be taken in full. Anna Campbell, who has been pledged for two years, will be initiated in the spring, and the three others in the fall. Our most loyal girls are those who have entered fraternity life as pledges, and Mu for one chapter is glad that the pledging system has not been abolished and hopes that it never will be.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Smith entertained the resident chapters of Phi Kappa Psi and Kappa Alpha Theta, the 13th of February, in honor of Dr. Ella B. Goff of Pittsburg. Mrs. Smith and Miss Goff are members of Mu, and Mr. Smith is a member of $\Phi\psi$. We danced, sang fraternity songs, and went home at a late hour voting our host and hostess model entertainers, and as a souvenir of the occasion each one has a flash-light picture in which white eyes and teeth are the most conspicuous features.

We are sorry to report that Vena Fenno, of the Junior class, has been obliged to leave college for a term at least, on account of ill health, but she is still with us at our meetings. She is staying at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Montgomery, near the college.

The Y. M. C. A., which had charge of the lecture course this year, succeeded in getting Pres. Crawford to deliver his lecture on "Savonarola." It was considered by all the best lecture of the course.

With best wishes to you all, from

MU.

BETA DISTRICT.

EPSILON.

WOOSTER, OHIO, Feb. 28th, 1894.

It is a hard task to write of one's own merits without seeming

to boast of the great things accomplished. Yet such seems to be the duty of each chapter for others are anxious to know if every member is doing all she can to bring honor to Kappa Alpha Theta. Epsilon sends greetings and with them we will try to tell you of what we have done and of what has been done for us within the past quarter.

The marriage of Miss Janet Henderson to Mr. Fred Rodman of Phi Gamma Delta was the last great event of the fall term. A few of the active members of the chapter were invited to the wedding, and all had the pleasure of being entertained in Miss Henderson's honor at the home of Mrs. Waters, a short time before she was married.

On our return from the winter vacation, we were much delighted to learn that Daisy Elma Gray of Cedarville, a member of the Senior Preparatory Class, had gained the consent of her parents to be pledged. We also obtained the privilege of initiating one of our Freshmen pledged girls. It was on the evening of this event that we were so kindly remembered by the Phi Delta Theta Chapter, who provided us with a generous supply of ice cream and cake.

Just after the State oratorical contest, Miss Millie Woodworth entertained at her home in honor of Ohio's orator and Wooster's representative. Members of Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Kappa Alpha Theta were present and the evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner.

Within the last week a number of events have occurred which have called Thetas to the front. On the twenty-second, we were well represented by one of our Sophomore girls in an entertainment given by the literary societies. On the following evening, the annual banqueting day for Wooster, when Sophomores entertain Seniors, and Freshman, Juniors, we were proud to claim not only two toasters, but also, at one banquet, the skillful toastmistress, who so pleasingly introduced the speakers.

The chapters of the different fraternities of the University expect to give an entertainment soon to raise funds for the college annual, which is always a delightful souvenir of the year. Preparations are now being made and we hope it will be a success.

This closes the history of our fraternity life for the past three months. We send many kind remembrances and good wishes for the success and happiness of all our sister chapters in Kappa Alpha Theta.

EPSILON.

ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND.

Alpha has been passing a very quiet year. After initiating our seven Freshmen girls in the early fall, we settled each into her own niche in the fraternity life.

We have this year a most unusual range of personality in our circle; so many distinct types, yet perfect congeniality in thought and purpose. We have nine Seniors, whose well-rounded womanly character and whose zeal for Kappa Alpha Theta will leave a permanent impress upon our chapter life. Then our ten Freshmen girls are bright, wide-awake, careful students in whose keeping we need never fear to trust our future here at De Pauw.

We have scarcely yet recovered from an exciting contest of the last few weeks in which we won Katharine Hogshire and Mary Harrison. They, with Gertrude Neal, were initiated at our last meeting. To quote an expression from Eta's letter of the January number, they are "worthy to be Thetas. That is the best we can say of them." Though it is somewhat of a digression, I might say that Alpha was heartily glad for the thoroughly enjoyable letter from our newest chapter, for its ring of earnestness, for its real Theta spirit. I think we may rejoice over more than that—the last JOURNAL *in toto*. Did it not seem good to you

—the systematic arrangement, the compact form? It seemed to us much improved in spite of some missing links in the way of letters.

For the first time in our history we are mourning the death of one of our members, Ella Beals; a pure and noble-spirited girl and one of our best students. One can not multiply words in speaking of her. Would that you might all have known her. She lived among us a quiet, beautiful life. We who knew her will be always broader in sympathy, more charitable, for having known her. Her death has brought us all nearer together and we feel more than ever that our association in Kappa Alpha Theta is a very precious thing.

We are expecting some very pleasant evenings soon with our alumnae. Mrs. Lofland, who did such good work on the constitution, and Miss Martha Ridpath will address us. We will also spend an evening with the Alpha Alumnae Chapter. For the rest of the year we are going to seek variety in our programmes and have them as different as possible. We have thought of giving four successive evenings to the four classes. The competition would no doubt produce some excellent work and discover hidden talent.

With best wishes for Kappa Alpha Theta in all her chapters,
ALPHA.

BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Feb. 29, 1894.

Dear Theta Sisters:

The time has passed so quickly since the first of December, that we can scarcely believe that it is time for another JOURNAL letter. Our fraternity life has been so pleasant and happy, that we do not realize how fast time flies. We all think our fraternity

has done us more good and been more to us this year than ever before. We are practically one, and we believe the great reason for this lies in our having a Chapter house. The resident girls were so busy all summer getting it ready, and when we came back in the fall we were all so enthusiastic over fraternity and we have stayed that way ever since. We heartily favor the Chapter-house plan, and wish that every chapter possessed one and we feel sure that they would enjoy it as much as we do.

Our girls have done much to further good feeling among the women of the college by inaugurating a series of receptions the second Saturday of every month. We have already had three, and many have taken this occasion to call on us in our new home and we feel that they are a success.

Our having ten Seniors necessitated our taking in a larger number of girls than usual, and we have initiated twelve since college opened, eight last term and four this one. This term's Thetas are Blanche Lynn, Madge Hornbrook, Lucy Howe and Louise Goodbody, four especially strong girls, and we feel that ours is indeed a strong chapter. Arda Knox was chosen president of the Senior class. This is only the second time in the history of the University that a woman has held this position and they were both Thetas. Charlotte Malotte is one of the editorial staff of the Senior annual, while Margaret Roberts and Mary Lindley represent us in the committee chosen to write a play for the Senior class day.

Nilla McMahon was compelled to go home, the first of the term, on account of sickness, but will return in the spring and graduate. Rose Spielhoff was also compelled to go home, but will be with us in the spring.

Louise Maxwell '78 has just been re-elected to the position of librarian of the University, which she has filled so acceptably the last year.

We are glad to welcome back Maude Lemon '91, who returns

to do post-graduate work in Greek. Grace Woodburn '85 will also take her master's degree this year in Latin.

With love to all Thetas,

BETA.

NU.

HANOVER, IND.

Dear Girls:

We owe you a letter and because we have delayed so long we hope to have the more to tell you. Our last letter being conspicuous for its absence we must make this one answer for the time past over in silence.

The summer and its pleasures were sufficient for the time, but we were all the more eager to get back to "old Hanover" and greet each other with the new Theta grip, after our vacation. It was a great disappointment to find that besides our graduate, three of our Junior girls had not returned. The decrease in numbers made us feel the more responsible and we are glad to report that our extra efforts have been crowned with success. It gave us great pleasure to receive Clara Palmer, who has been absent for a year, into our thinned ranks. After a few weeks we added, by initiation, Virginia Overton of '96. We have found her bright, cheerful disposition a veritable beam of sunshine at all times.

Only a few weeks ago we again gathered ourselves together for a special meeting, and introduced Agnes Gibbony to the Theta goat. It is needless to assure you that she rode it with regal grace. We think we have just reason to be proud of our two acquisitions. They are both splendid girls, well worthy to wear the black and gold.

Three out of six girls representing the different literary societies at the May exhibition are Thetas.

Our cosy little hall was the scene of one or two spreads during the fall term, which were very enjoyable. Since then a number of impromptu spreads and taffy pullings have been indulged in.

One of the chief social events of the season, to the Thetas, was a reception at Glen Ramsey's in honor of our "baby."

College life has been rather uneventful this year. There has been one change in the faculty, Professor Colbertson having been called from King's College in Siam to fill the chair left vacant by Professor Adair's resignation. The number of new students was unusually small this year, especially the number of young ladies.

One of the new things in Hanover is a boarding club, which has been quite successful so far. It is the first attempt to introduce anything of the kind here.

As the spring days draw near we begin to look forward to our accustomed rambles through the woods and over the hills for wild flowers. We wish all our Theta sisters could see Hanover in its spring garb, for it is certainly beautiful. I don't believe any of you would wonder that we think it the fairest spot on earth.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters,

Nu.

DELTA.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

"The level land went stretching away to meet the sky,
With never a rise from north to south to rest the weary eye."

It is an impossibility to picture, to those who have never seen the prairie lands, the charms of our location. It has been said that this section can produce no literature because there is no grandeur of scenery. To this, we, who so dearly love our prairie State, cannot agree. We think that literature may be impossible,

but only because no genius is so great as to put into language our "sea of land" and its fascinations.

Our State is almost all prairie land, but of course everyone saw that when they made their last summer's visit to the Fair. Well, you saw Chicago, but probably not Bloomington, and there is where you made a great mistake, for in "Blessed Bloomington" is the home of your nation's vice-president and also the homes of many others who would serve willingly, regardless of personal inconvenience, as president, if their country should earnestly request it.

Our little city is as pretty as can be, with a thriving business center and an elegant residence section, united by hundreds of cosy homes. We have much of which to boast in wealth and culture and little to regret in poverty and ignorance. The city, as a picture, has broad, paved streets, ornamented with several rows of trees each, making in summer delightful shade and rich masses of foliage. We have, of course, "all modern improvements" in electric lights and railways, artesian wells and coal mines. Opportunities are offered for any kind of religious relations, from the African Salvation Army to the English church, High. There is a beautiful library which is always a welcome retreat to us Wesleyans. There are parks and statues, one of Lincoln, of course, and a pretty opera house, almost new, with several smaller ones. Educationally, there are good city schools, two conservatories of music, two art schools, two business colleges and the Illinois Wesleyan University.

In the Wesleyan, is the home of Delta. The campus is a large quadrangle, with many trees, tennis courts and winding walks upon it. The two main buildings of the University are situated near together in the center of the campus. Both buildings front to the south and are of brick with stone finishings. The smaller one accommodates the preparatory school and the larger the college of letters with a chapel, room for all.

The music and art departments occupy separate brick build-

ings on Main street and nearer the business part of our city. The gymnasium is located east of the quadrangle and, though hardly a thing of beauty, is certainly a very great joy. The president's home is in a hospitable looking house of the southern style. Other members of the faculty have pleasant homes fronting upon the quadrangle. The $\Phi. A. \theta.$ fraternity has a pretty hall in the center of the town. $\Sigma. X.$ has a new hall in a down-town building. $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ has a room in the preparatory building. Our sister fraternity occupies a hall located in the main building, similar to our own.

In a cosy little room, at the head of the chapel stairs, dwells Delta's goat, which, by the way is a deer. Two years ago we were given possession of this room, and such a sight as it was. It had been used as a general store-room and was as dirty as could be imagined. But Delta went at it with a will and now the prettiest room in the university is ours. The walls are frescoed in a delicate yellow shade, with borders and trimmings in black and darker yellow figures. Upon the walls, suspended from gold moulding, hang many pretty pictures, products of the art genius of our chapter. Under the frescoed letters $K. A. \theta.$ hangs the Delta banner; a beautiful carpet in a neutral tint; little cosy chairs, of various patterns; a dear little divan and cushions; a neat desk; a book case with a lovely mirror and nice books and a pretty little table furnishes our nest quite cosily. The letters $K. A. \theta.$ in black, upon yellow cathedral glass, forms a pretty transom, and our long windows are draped in yellow and white over yellow shades. The wood-work is ebony black, and even our radiator is gold and black. Altogether, we have as home-like a nook as could be desired, and when our walls have become vocal, they may tell of many glorious Theta meetings held there and repeat again and again:

“ We're the girls of Delta Chapter,
Of our loved fraternity,
Dwelling in our mystic circle,
In most perfect unity.”

DELTA.

TAU.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY,
EVANSTON, ILL., Feb. 21, 1894. }

Dear Theta Sisters:

The winter term has been a very happy and profitable one to us and we have had very many pleasant social gatherings. At the beginning of the term we were pleasantly entertained by the wife of one of our most prominent professors, Mrs. Prof. Coe. The reception was given for one of our sisters, Miss Lillian Beaurard, of the University of California.

We have had many informal spreads, just for our own girls, having done very little rushing this term. We are happy to say that what little we have done has been successful. We have tried, as far as we have been able, to be less "giddy," as we are reputed to be, and to put in more time in solid study.

We have some very fine girls in town and they give us just the nicest spreads that could be imagined. At one of them, many of our old girls were back and we spent a very enjoyable evening with them. There is also a very pleasant intercourse among the members of different sororities, which we are trying to help on.

One of the Delta Gamma's gave a very pleasant party at her home a few miles from here for some Delta Gammas and Kappa Alpha Thetas. It was a novel party to say the least, but all had an exceedingly pleasant time. Six Delta Gammas and six Kappa Alpha Thetas were entertained by Mrs. Coe not long ago, at a tea given in honor of a visiting Delta and a Theta.

In the college as a whole, things are going in the best manner possible. The weather has been elegant for sleighing and skating, both of which we have enjoyed to the full extent of the law. The athletic park flooded makes a capital skating rink, and crowds of college people may be seen there at any time taking a few rounds.

The girls of the Woman's Hall gave an entertainment not long ago for the University Settlement at Chicago. All of our girls "lined up" in a crowd to lead the applause for our corresponding secretary who sang a solo. We are happy to report that the united effort was a success and that the honored personage received an encore.

The girls that we have initiated this year are, of course, just the nicest girls in college. One of them is a girl who has the reputation of being a fine student. We were glad to get her, as that is the kind of girls we are after.

The matter of having the pictures of the different sororities in the "Syllabus," our yearly, is now being agitated. Our girls think it might cause some little feeling among the "barbs," yet we would not be a bit ashamed of our chapter because, you know, among the rest we have the handsomest girl in college.

Well, the stock of college small talk and news seems to be nearly exhausted. So with the best wishes for a prosperous year to all our sisters in Theta, we will say "au revoir."

TAU.

PI.

ALBION, MICH.

Dear Thetas all:

It is surprising the way "tempus fugits,"—here it is time for the chapter letter again. But as we realize how near at hand are the beautiful spring days and how rapidly the cold, dark winter is disappearing, we are wont to exclaim, "Let it fuge!"

Our college has been very quiet, socially, this winter, we have all been studying *hard*, like good children, but we have had some jolly social times just among ourselves, in the chapter. In the early winter we conceived the idea of meeting on Saturday evening once in two weeks at the rooms of our different members.

We invite our pledged girls when the size of our hostess' rooms will admit it, and we do have very merry times. Two of our pledgelings entertained us on one of these occasions not long ago.

Pi has not been idle since you last heard from us. We have pinned the kite on two more of our Freshmen girls; Maude Hollenbeck and Bertha Potter. We are very proud of them and we know that they will make enthusiastic, earnest workers. We have also put the colors on Blanche Selway, whom we expect to initiate next fall.

On the evening before Washington's birthday the Sophomore class gave an entertainment of a national character at which Theta was well represented. Bessie Perkins occupied the president's chair, Vieva Parmeter delivered an oration and Edith Valentine a piano solo. It goes without saying that they acquitted themselves with credit.

We enjoyed the January JOURNAL so much; the letters from our grand president and from our district president were an inspiration and the chapter letters were very interesting. We hear excellent reports from our baby Eta at the U. of M., which of course give us great pleasure. We feel confident of their continued success for we know the good material with which they started.

With love to all the Thetas,

Pi.

ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, }
ANN ARBOR. }

Dear Theta Sisters:

Eta took up so much space in the last JOURNAL that a short letter this time will be excused. We would be glad to talk to

our sisters of the other chapters for any length of time, but there is very little of interest to tell about what we have done. We have busied ourselves in getting into more systematic, business-like methods, in perfecting our by-laws, and in realizing the true fraternity spirit in our meetings and our intercourse with one another. We hold our meetings once in two weeks, on Saturday evenings, and they truly mark red letter days in our college life. We are such congenial and ardent Thetas that we look forward to our meetings all through the intervening two weeks and nothing but strict necessity ever keeps any of us away. The first part of the meeting is devoted to business of all kinds, and the last to anything we please, the girls bring their mending or fancy-work and we talk or read while we sew. Just now we are taking up the "Heavenly Twins."

Since I wrote last we have initiated our three pledgelings who have become as enthusiastic Thetas as the charter members. This second semester we were more than glad to receive one of our charter members, Jessie Beal of Lansing, into the circle, so we are now ten instead of six as we were in October. We soon will be eleven as we have a new pledgeling, Susan F. Patterson, whom we are anxious to make a real Theta as soon as possible.

One of our sisters from Pi, Mrs. Ott, was in Ann Arbor not long ago, and kindly took the time to call on her Eta sisters. We hear that two of our Tau sisters are to be in Ann Arbor soon. We are looking forward to their coming as we are always glad to meet our sisters from away.

Eta enjoyed the last JOURNAL very much and wishes to thank the other chapters for their interest in the youngest member of the family.

We would like to correct one thing in the JOURNAL, however. The University here is always spoken of as the University of Michigan, never as the Ann Arbor University.

With love to our sisters from Alpha to Omega,

ETA.

PSI.

MADISON, WIS.

Dear Theta Sisters:

The absence of Psi from the list of contributors to the January Kappa Alpha Theta was a source of great regret to her and can only be explained as an unpardonable oversight on the part of the corresponding editor. We would not have our work and our good times so engrossing that we could fail to keep in touch with our sister chapters.

We were sadly disappointed not to have Grace Loomis and Metta Towne, two of our new initiates, in college this term, but Miss Loomis' health did not permit her to keep up her college work, and Miss Towne was called home by the illness of her mother. Miss Towne of Edgerton, Wis., and Miss Martha James of Oshkosh, Wis., entered the pharmacy course together and are the first pharmacy students whom Psi has ever initiated. Miss Laura Osborne and Miss Grace Loomis, both of La Crosse, Wis., and Miss Alice Carlton, have entered the mystic bond of *K. A. θ.*, making the number of our new girls five.

We have one student in the graduate department this year, Miss Winifred Sercombe, U. W. '91, who expects to receive her master's degree in history at the end of the year. Beside the personal pleasure we all take in having her here again, her experience in the fraternity affairs is a great help to us in the management of our chapter.

Although the social events in the University have not been very many this year, we have had plenty of informal soirees, sometimes only our own girls and sometimes members of the gentlemen's fraternities being included. We gave a party at the Lodge, at which the illustration of popular songs furnished a great deal of amusement. The artist of the chapter designed a set of cards, each of which represented a well-known song, the name of

which was to be guessed. Mrs. Jackson entertained the chapter with the Senior engineering class, and Mrs. Kellogg has invited us several times to her house. Our five o'clock teas at the Lodge have seemed to give us the most opportunity for fraternity chat. The girls drop in by twos and threes in the afternoon so that we have quite festive gatherings around our steaming samovar.

The other chapters who now occupy chapter houses can begin to appreciate with us what a charming home a *K. A. θ.* chapter house can be and we are very glad that so many of the other chapters now enjoy the privileges that we do.

With all Theta love,

PSI.

Kappa Alpha Theta Lodge,
630 Langdon Street.

Gamma District.

PHI.

LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY, }
PALO ALTO, CAL. }

Phi sends greetings to her sister chapters and she enjoyed their letters very much. There is a general tone of hope and enthusiasm in all of them that promises well for the future of Kappa Alpha Theta.

We were especially interested in hearing of the agreements in regard to pledging; for we feel that the custom of rushing is not only detrimental to the reputation and dignity of the fraternity, but also inconsistent with true friendship. We have an agreement with *P. B. Φ.* and *K. K. Γ.*, who are the only other organized women's fraternities here, not to pledge new girls till six weeks after the beginning of each semester. *We* think this time

too short, but it is a step in the right direction and new girls certainly are saved a great deal of annoyance when they are not rushed.

Phi is very pleasantly situated in a comfortable new house. It serves as permanent home for eight of us, a place for meetings, initiations, and social gatherings. The last Saturday of each month is our "at home" day. Refreshments are served and from fifty to seventy-five persons accept our hospitality and spend an evening in conversation. Besides these regular days we give occasional small parties to our intimate friends. To those who have not had the experience of a chapter house, let me say, in no other way can your fraternity mean as much to you personally, or as a social factor in the university life.

We are very fortunate in having Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Marx, Mrs. Wing, Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Brown of Iota, Miss Ames of Chi, and Miss Mosher of Psi here at Palo Alto, and we appreciate the encouragement which they often give us.

We have enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Sterling of Tau. She gave a pleasant party for us not long ago.

We are feeling acquainted with our neighbor Omega and hope to have a visit from them in the spring.

PHI.

PERSONALS.**Lambda.**

Miss Mabel Kidder was initiated into the fraternity Jan. 27, at which time we celebrated Founder's Day with appropriate exercises. A number of the alumnae were present.

Miss Mary Brigham '93 spent a few days in the first of March with us.

Mrs. L. C. White, Jr., neé Emma Chandler of '89 is visiting in town, and was a welcome guest at our last meeting.

A son was born to Mrs. W. B. Gates, formerly Belle Chandler of '89 on February 6th.

Mrs. Cora Childs Hall of '89 is visiting in Washington, D. C.

Miss Addie Edwards ex-'85 is taking a year's rest from teaching, and attends our meetings occasionally.

We are glad to learn that Miss Grace Wright, whose ill health necessitated her resignation as teacher in the Clarke Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Northampton, Mass., is much improved.

Alpha Beta.

Margaret Moore Bancroft '93 and her husband spent Sunday the fourth of January at the college.

Jane Atkinson '93 has been visiting Annie Hillborn '92 and Helen Hillborn '94 in the village.

Bertha Lippincott and Caroline Sargent celebrated Washington's birthday by visiting Mary James of Epsilon, at Bryn Mawr.

Mary Clark '97 was initiated at the home of Mary Ash in the city, on the thirteenth day of December, her sixteenth birthday.

Our initiates for this year are Emily T. Brooke '95, Mary S. Ash '97, Mary W. Titus '94, Miriam Sener '97, Grace A. Brosius '97, and Mary T. Clark '97.

Epsilon.

Miss Mary Henderson and Miss Grace Overholt are visiting in Ashville, N. C.

Miss Blanche Curry is spending a few weeks with friends in Cincinnati.

Alpha.

Miss Ada C. Campbell and Miss Blanche Basye will not be in college for the second semester.

Katharine Hogshire, Mary Harrison, and Gertrude Neal were initiated Saturday, Feb. 24th.

Lucile Marsh of '98 wears the black and gold.

Miss Vickery '88 and Miss Basye '91 visited Alpha on their way to New York, whence they sailed Feb. 10th for Rome, where they will teach in an English school.

M. Grace Smith was elected by the faculty as alternate to represent the College of Liberal Arts on Washington's birthday.

Daisy Mikels has returned to graduate with the class of '94.

Beta.

Nina Bond '93 made her Theta sisters a flying visit the first of the term.

Maude Van Zandt '88 is teaching in the Indianapolis Blind Asylum.

Stella Hague '93 is teaching school at Garrett, Ind.

Bertha Hawkins is teaching in the High school at Logansport.

Mary Parker, of Louisville, returned to college this term.

Catherine Evans of Phi is here attending college and makes a valuable addition to the chapter.

Sophie Sheeks '88 is assistant librarian in the University.

Juliet Maxwell '85 is in charge of the women's gymnasium.

Delta.

Miss Phœbe Kerrick '93, professor of the sciences in the Illinois Female College, visited her Theta sisters shortly after the holidays.

Miss Pearl Smith '94 is at her home taking a rest, by advice of her physician.

Miss Esther Shoot spent a few days in Clinton lately.

Miss Bessie Luke entertained her father at the Theta reception February 21st.

Miss Edna Downey, formerly a Delta girl, but later of Epsilon, visited her sisters recently.

Misses Carrie Rives and Addie Doyel may be with us next term.

Delta received the vice-presidency of the Pan Hellenic Association here and the offices rotate. It has just been settled, after a long debate, that the president acts as toastmaster at the annual banquet.

On February 27th, Miss Lillian Johnson, one of this year's girls, was married at Muscatine, Iowa, to Mr. Charles Webb.

Tau.

May Earle Sterling '88 is in California for her health, and while there is taking some studies at Leland Stanford University.

Anna Adams ex-'89 is in Paris, studying French.

Grace Knapp ex-'91 was married January 3, 1894, to Mr. H. S. Earley of Sycamore, Ill.

May Gloss '92 is teaching in the High school of Menominee, Mich.

Minnie Church ex-'92 is teaching in a kindergarten at Rockford, Ill.

Henrietta Jennings '93 is engaged to Mr. Frank Oats '93, Phi Kappa Psi.

Pi.

Mame Hitchcock of Detroit visited her Theta sisters recently.

Nellie Balt of '96, who is now teaching at Lowell, Mich., spent a few days with us not long ago.

Julia K. Monroe has returned from Tennessee and has entered college.

Winnifred Lee Gale has been elected poet of the Senior class.

Fannie Staley '92 sent us a very acceptable money gift not long ago which we expect to use for beautifying our hall.

Zula Fast '95 gave us a handsome black and gold silk lamp shade for our hall.

Psi.

The engagement of Miss Daisy Chadwick '93 to Mr. Fred Bolender, U. W. '90, is announced.

Miss Kate L. Sabin '93 has twice this term been a guest at the Lodge.

Miss Bell Austin '93 who is teaching at Fox Lake, Wis., made the chapter a short visit last month.

Miss Laura Baxter '92 and Mr. Henry Brown, law '92, were married at the bride's home in Lancaster, Wis., on Christmas night.

Miss Lulu Roberts is teaching in Milwaukee.

The engagement of Miss May Evans '92 to Mr. William Mason of Chicago is announced.

The engagement of Miss Catherine Brown '93 to Mr. George E. Morton, law '93, is announced.

Miss Snow, one of Iota's alumnae, honored us with a brief visit.

Miss Mame Beebe, formerly with '96, spent a week visiting at the Lodge.

A monograph on The Structure and Affinities of *Bounops Scutifrons*, by Miss Harriet Bell Merrill, M. S., Psi, '90, instructor in biology at the Milwaukee High school, has just been published by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, before which it was read at that body recently. The monograph treats of an entirely new genus of the Macrothricidae, which was discovered at Minocqua, Wis., by Prof. E. A. Birge of the State University, under whose direction Miss Merrill has worked. She is now engaged on other original scientific work under the direction of Dr. Whitman of the Chicago University.

EXCHANGES.

In *College Fraternity* appears an article on "The Fraternity for Girls," by Miss Ethlyn Emery, Kappa Alpha Theta. In this article, which is in its entirety deeply interesting, is a paragraph which expresses so clearly the deep relation between colleges and fraternities that we clip it :

"The non-fraternity girl has a strange longing, after some two or three years, to visit once more her Alma Mater. How lonesome are the halls and corridors where she was so happy before. She visits the rooms; none of the faces of the girls who made them so warm and beautiful are there. Her classmates are gone and with them has gone her college life and much of her love for her Alma Mater.

And the other girl goes back to her Alma Mater; a hand shake; a glance; and although the girls are not those of her class, they know some things which she knows, they have lived a few hours such as she lived some six years ago. Then there is the old hall, the familiar colors, the fraternity groups of the old girls; they are all there. And how the gush of her sophomore and silent dignity of her senior years, all return; she is at home.

For the fraternity girl, even though her college days have become a recollection and she be world-worn and sad, there is a space of fraternity history which is hers, individually. Come when she may, the latch string is ever loose for the initiated. Years seem but days. With what a thrill of sweet, sad pleasure she lives again this part of her college days and feels herself among the familiar environments of her college home."

The Sororities seem to have become as much a thing of course as the higher education for women, and in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* are some suggestions with regard to the women's societies

which are worthy of attention from the fraternities as well. Especially, in view of the approaching conventions, is this worth noticing :

"To meet members of the various chapters from different parts of our great country ; to receive the hearty, 'genuine grip,' to see the true sisterly spirit light up the face, as 'Greek meets Greek'—but not in the old way—this is better than being 'received' or banqueted. Many of the dearest, most lasting friendships are formed at such times. To grasp more completely the grand, true meaning of a sisterhood ; to feel the oneness of interest, of aims and of aspirations, binding all more closely together ; to realize, more fully, that all are lending their best efforts to the same great task—the formation of the true womanly character ; this is inspiration, encouragement, enthusiasm. In these results we find the best fruits of convention."

Another suggestion is worthy of attention the year 'round :

"When we tell a friend who has never attended college of our glorious X. Y. Z. fraternity, he seems rather in the dark as to just what kind of society it is. One of the first questions is, generally, 'Is it a charitable society ?' It is not and it cannot be. It is not fitted to do wholesale charitable work. But there is often an opportunity of helping some one in the chapter, during his or her college course. It often happens that a member of a fraternity is obliged to leave college before the course is completed, and the life may be changed entirely by the unexpected turn of affairs. If only each chapter could raise a small fund, this could be given, or loaned without interest, when occasion required. Some Harvard graduates give the interest of a certain amount of money for class reunions. Let the fraternity man remember his fraternity as well as his college. Its needs and opportunities are as great."—*The Shield.*

Miss M. Carey Thomas, the present Dean of the faculty at Bryn Mawr, has been elected to the presidency of the college, to succeed Dr. Rhoades, who resigns on account of ill health.—*Ex.*

The Kappa Alpha convention has authorized an "alumni obligation," to be administered by alumni chapters, to alumni only, and Delta Delta Delta, among the Sororities, has taken the same step.—*Ex.*

The daughter of the late Professor Windscheid, the famous German authority on Roman law, has been graduated from the University of Heidelberg with the degree Ph. D. She is the first woman to be admitted to the old seat of learning with the privilege of taking her degree. She passed a brilliant examination.—*Ex.*

A statistical writer has it that in this country 2,500 women are practicing medicine, 275 preaching the gospel, more than 6,000 managing postoffices, and over 3,000,000 earning independent incomes. Since 1880 the Patent Office has granted over 2,500 patents to women, and in New York City 27,000 women support their husbands.—*The Arrow.*

Wabash College has received \$60,000 on condition that it admit women on the same conditions as men. It is the only college in Indiana that does not admit women.—*Ex.*

The cost of a high class boarding-school in Paris is about half what the same thing would be in New York. A convent costs \$250 per year. The nuns are superior women, the convents are beautifully kept, and the food is excellent, but if one can afford anything better, the life is too narrow to give one the best of Paris or French thought.—*The Arrow.*

A \$400,000 dormitory is to be erected at Yale by Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, in memory of their son, William H. Vanderbilt, Yale '92, who died last May.—*Ex.*

We submit the following clippings without comment:

Occasionally we lose a subscriber because of the gross carelessness of chapter correspondents. One such loss recently occurred, and the subscriber in writing said: "I reluctantly cancel my subscription to the *Shield*, but I have become so tired of looking in vain through the pages for letters or personals from my own chapter, that I must express my disgust in this manner. —*Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

Kappa Kappa Gamma, one of the leading "female brotherhoods," has an advanced degree which can only be conferred when the member has attained her Junior year. A pendant attached to the badge, which is key-shaped, is used to signify that the wearer has taken this degree.—*Ex.*

"Perhaps the most potent cause of the upward tendency of the Freshman and the decline of upper class discipline in our colleges is the salutary influence of the Greek-letter societies. The most apparent effect of the fraternities in college life is the breaking down of class barriers, and the intimate union of initiates from all classes in a common brotherhood. The obnoxious habits of offensive bearing, which in the old days incited the Sophomores to measures of corrective discipline, are now tempered or corrected by admonition or remonstrance from the Freshman's fraternity mates. Two venerable institutions will illustrate the truth of this position. Union College has been called the 'mother of secret societies,' for there, ten of the oldest and best college fraternities took their origin. The Greek-letter societies have there always been welcomed and encouraged, and their influence is recognized as beneficial in

maintaining discipline and college order. Princeton, on the contrary, has always frowned on secret societies. After a long war of extermination it finally succeeded in crushing out of existence the chapters which ventured from time to time to organize in the New Jersey college. At the one college the Freshmen are taken in hand with fraternal care, and hazing is unknown. From the other come annually recurring stories of brutality and cruelty, often endangering human life. All hail to the 'Fresh' who in triumph advances! Who would not, if he could, shake off the years which are crowding in between him and his matriculation day, and range himself with the happy, careless, guiless youth in the class of '97?"—*Ex.*

The College Fraternity is no more. Over its grave has risen *The University Review*. Fertilized by such soil, the first two numbers of this publication have come to us not as tender sprigs of journalistic art, but full blown, full grown and well matured.

The College Fraternity was well received and met with good words wheresoever it went. But many questioned how it was going to solve the problem of making the ends meet. Such a publication had no regular and well defined constituency amongst which it could build up a stable patronage. It had to look to the particularly active generation of fraternity men, a body that quickly changes. However, that's none of ours. We enjoyed it and wish it could have lived to prosper long past our day.

The University Review, as its name implies, will cover a wider field. Mr. F. M. Crossett, than whom none is better fitted for the place, will continue as business manager. Mr. Randolph withdraws from the editorship, which place will hereafter be filled by Mr. M. M. Miller, a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The *Review* will deal with all things of moment in the college world.

As Fraternities are an important element therein, a department of "Fraternity News" will be continued under charge of Mr. Randolph. The Fall numbers have had considerable to say of "foot ball," and other outdoor college sports will receive attention at their proper season.

While we enjoyed *The College Fraternity* greatly, and regret to see the fraternity feature relegated to a subordinate place in the *Review*, yet we believe the college man, fraternity as well as non-fraternity, will find much more that is new and of interest under the new plan than the old.

We bespeak a good word for the *Review*. We hope it will find many readers among Phis. Its address is 202 Fifth avenue, New York. The terms are \$2.00 per year. Club arrangements are such that the *Review* and the *Scroll* can both be had for \$2.50 a year.—*Ex.*

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